

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h2>April 2009</h2>			1 “Our students need us to be with them every step of the way.” — <i>Roxann Rose</i>	2 Hold a poetry slam. Students can share their own work.	3 Make notes of the points you want to address before calling a parent.	4 Create computer labels with sayings you often write: “Sign & Return”, “Good Work!”
5 Begin making plans for your summer. Will you take classes? Volunteer? Work?	6 Hand out a ticket when students turn in homework. Hold a drawing at the end of the week for a small prize.	7 Write a to-do list for tomorrow before leaving school today.	8 If a student can do a task as well as you can, turn that task over to a student.	9 Place a “late chair” by the door so late-comers don’t disrupt your class.	10 Teach students acronyms and other mnemonics to help them remember facts.	11 Smile, even when you don’t feel like it. You may change your own mood.
12 Sign up for a fun class—unrelated to your field.	13 Encourage students to create study groups before a big test.	14 It’s the anniversary of Lincoln’s assassination. Read Whitman’s <i>O Captain! My Captain!</i> with your students.	15 Move your desk away from the door. It’s too easy for someone to take something and leave quickly.	16 Look for something <i>right</i> to highlight in a student’s wrong answer.	17 Write student names on craft sticks. Draw them at random when you call on students.	18 Restock your “survival drawer” with healthy snacks and drinks.
19 Make time to meet a friend for coffee at an outdoor café.	20 Challenge your students to write a paragraph without using the letter “e.”	21 Never get into power struggles with students.	22 It’s Earth Day. Have students measure and chart the amount of trash your class generates.	23 Ask your class to plan ways to reduce energy use in your school.	24 Encourage parents to donate a book to the class library on a student’s birthday.	25 Remember that you can never truly erase something you post online.
26 Teaching is a high-energy job. Schedule time for a catnap today.	27 Expect students to help one another—and give them chances to do so.	28 Make it safe to make a mistake in your class.	29 Include some analysis and evaluation questions in all exams.	30 “Effective teachers work with students as opposed to doing things for them.” — <i>James Stronge</i>		